

Funding Opportunity 2012 NIH Director's Early Independence Awards

November 15, 2011

Letters of Intent due by December 30, 2011

Announcing a funding opportunity for the NIH Director's Early Independence Awards:

- For junior investigators wishing to “skip the post-doc” and immediately begin independent research
- Eligible candidates must be within one year of receipt of terminal research degree or completion of clinical residency
- Only up to two applications per institution (as defined by unique DUNS number) permitted
- All areas of research relevant to the mission of NIH welcome
- Budgets may be up to \$250,000 in direct costs per year for up to five years

The deadline for submitting Early Independence Award applications is **January 30, 2012** with **Letters of Intent due by December 30, 2011**. See the instructions in [RFA-RM-11-007](#). Additional information, including Frequently Asked Questions about the Early Independence Award Program is available at: <http://commonfund.nih.gov/earlyindependence/>. Send questions to earlyindependence@mail.nih.gov.

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